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FAIR PRICE COMMITTEES AND FOOD CONDITIONS

Owing to the fact that wholesalers and retailers in food products as well as dealers in clothing and shoes and some other lines of merchandise are in many instances selling goods too high. The Department of Justice has become active in different parts of the country to reduce the price of living. In Asheboro, High Point, Lexington Statesville and some other towns where partial investigations have been made it is found that not only sugar is sold at prices higher than the Food Administration considers reasonable but in some instances meat is retained at a price of from 18 to 22c a pound above the wholesale prices. On sugar meat and flour the Food Administration during the war fixed a regulation of profit based on an average profit for four years preceding the war. The profits on these products were fixed at practically 10 per cent to the retailers and 5 per cent to the wholesalers. It appeared that no good reason can be given why these profits should now be increased.

It has been suggested by the Food Administration that the pre-war custom of retail dealers to sell the three staple foods, meat, flour and sugar, at the reasonable margin on these products of less than one half the profit which may be reasonably charged on the average food products. Pre war competition conditions afforded a margin on these three staples of less than 5 per cent to the wholesaler and not more than 15 per cent to the retailer. Mr. Page is of the opinion that this is a fair and reasonable margin, and the public will agree with him.

Fair Price Committees consisting of eight members will be appointed in the various counties of the State and those merchants who are now declining to handle sugar may probably decline to handle meat and some other products when it becomes known to the public the unreasonable profits that some of them are charging.

In some instances the retail merchant has paid too much for goods. In fact several instances have been reported. It may not be to our liking to have Federal Control, but the profiteering, not only foodstuffs, but other lines, make it imperatively necessary that something be done to prevent such conditions. When dealers are charging three times the price of goods, it is charged before the war, it is for action.

Much stress is placed on sugar for the reason that the Sugar Equalization Board, a United States corporation, buys and sells all the sugar in the United States. The refined sugar at \$7.28 per cwt. and sell it at 10c per cwt. to the wholesaler. The wholesaler is expected to charge a profit on the hundred pound, the retailer 10c a pound on package sugar and 1 1/2c a pound for sugar not in package.

The National Food Administration is no longer in existence, although the rules and regulations are still in existence and will be enforced. The state food administrators will co-operate under the Department of Justice.

There is more difficulty in arriving at the fair price of other products than sugar, but the unreasonable profits on meat, beans and some other food stuffs cannot be permitted to exist.

Food Control Law Will Be Enforced

Dealers in sugar, except retailers doing a gross business of \$100,000 or less annually, are still subject to license under the Food Control Act. In addition to the provisions of the law itself, the regulations governing dealers in sugar prohibit the licensee from charging an exorbitant, unreasonable or unfair commission, profit or storage charge. They also provide that resales within the same trade without reasonable justification, if tending to result in higher market price to the retailers or consumers, will be dealt with as an unfair practice.

The United States Food Administration has taken the position that sugar should not retail for more than eleven cents, and where it is retailing for more it indicates that either the wholesaler or retailer is making an unreasonable profit.

While the National Food Administration has disbanded, yet the Sugar Equalization Board is still in existence with offices in New York City. Thus it is we are enabled to ascertain what the price of sugar should be. It is more difficult to ascertain the price of other commodities, but fair price committees will be appointed within the next few days in every county in the state and prices of those necessities included in the Lever Act consisting of food and fuel will be regulated and those who have violated the law may have to suffer therefor.

One wholesaler in this section after the investigations were started last week has sent credit slips to his customers for July remitting to them 2c a pound excessive charges for sugar. Meats and other necessities are falling in price since the investigations were started.

Young People's Conference

of the County Sunday School Association will be held at Trinity, next Saturday and Sunday, August 30-31.

Every class of young people in every Sunday School in the county should be represented at this conference.

Tractor Demonstration

At Asheboro Monday, September 1st

Case and Moline Tractors, Plowing and Harrowing

Brady & A. B. Coltrane

Ramseur Motor Company

NOTICE OF Administrator's Sale

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, on the premises in Back Creek township, at 10:00 o'clock A. M.

SEPTEMBER 5TH, 1919

the following articles of personal property, to-wit:

One Mowing Machine, Corn Planter, Wood Frame, Now and Five Pigs, Cow, Straw, Cooking Range and Cooking Utensils, Bureau, Wash Stand, Bed, Dress, and other Household Property.

T. FLETCHER BULLA,

Adm'r. W. O. Bulla, Deceased, Asheboro, N. C.

Also on the same day I shall at the residence of the late B. F. Bulla sell for cash to the highest bidder, in Back Creek township, at 12 o'clock, the following articles of personal property, to-wit:

One McCormick Binder, one Bickford's Hoffman Grain Drill, Plows, Harrows, Wood Box, Corn Sheller, Pair of Timber Wheels, Disc Harrow, Wagon Bed, Buggy, 100 to 200 Bales of Clover Hay, and some Household Property, such as beds and bureaus.

T. FLETCHER BULLA,

Executor B. F. Bulla, Deceased, Asheboro, N. C.

NOTICE OF RESALE OF LAND

Under and by virtue of an order of resale made by the clerk of the superior court of Randolph county, on the 18th day of August, 1919, in a certain special proceedings entitled Genevieve J. Hammer et als vs. Watts Brothers Co et als, the undersigned commissioner will on the 6th day of September, 1919, at 12 o'clock, M., at the court house door in Asheboro, North Carolina, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described real estate, in and near Oak Avenue, in the town of Asheboro, N. C.:

Tract No. 1. Beginning at a stone on Oak Avenue, the S. E. corner of Jno. M. Hammer home place (now owned by W. C. Hammer); thence in a southeasterly direction with Oak Avenue 244 feet to a stone; thence westerly with Hammer's (formerly Smith's) line 429 feet to a stone; thence north with the old Winslow line (now line of lot No. 4 herein described) 200 feet to a stone; thence east with Hammer's line 253 feet to the beginning containing two acres, more or less. See Book 140, page 25.

Tract No. 3. Beginning at a stone, the N. W. corner of the Chas. Smith lot in the Ross and Cranford subdivision, and running thence westerly with the line of Hatley lot 120 feet to a stone in Winslow's line; thence south 100 feet to a stone in Winslow's line; thence east 120 feet to a stone, Smith's S. W. corner; thence north 120 feet to the beginning containing 1-4 acre more or less. See Book 136, page 18.

Tract No. 5. Beginning at the post oak Davidson's corner thence south 30 chains to a stone; thence east on Winslow's line 7 1/2 chains to a mountain oak; thence on Worth's line (which

is at the rear of lots above described) to the beginning, containing 11 acres, more or less, and known as the Cassie Jarrell land, excepting lots sold off extending and 200 feet south of Salisbury Road northwardly, leaving a balance of eight acres.

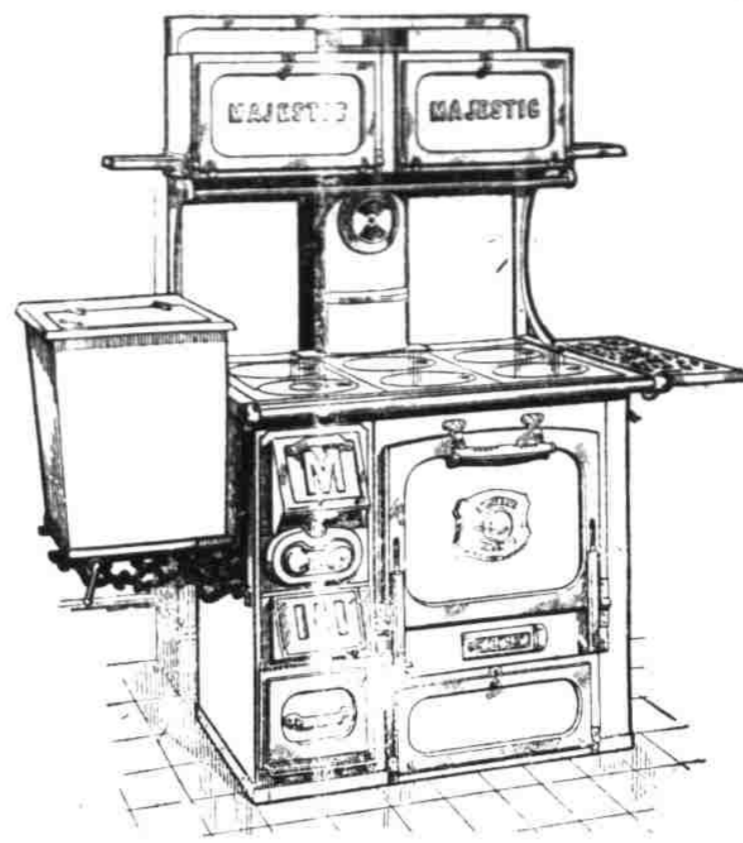
The above described lots are being resold because of a ten per cent advance bid having been placed on the price at which they were bid off at a former sale of the same.

This the 18th day of August, 1919. I. C. MOSER, Commissioner.

NOTICE OF THE SALE OF LAND Under and by virtue of an order of the superior court made in a certain special proceedings entitled Ed Below et als vs. Minnie Rush et als, the same being number 188 on the Special Proceedings Docket of the superior court of Randolph county, North Carolina, the undersigned commissioner will, on Saturday, the 27th day of September, 1919, at the court house door in Asheboro, North Carolina, at 12 o'clock noon, sell at public auction, all that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Randolph county, North Carolina, and in Trinity township, more fully described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a stone in Mary White's line south of the Plank Road, running north 5 degrees east 1 pole to the plank road; thence north 52 1/2 degrees west 40 poles to a stone on the P. Road, parallel to the same; thence south 15 degrees west 25 1-2 poles to a stone in Hill's line; thence south 89 degrees east 28 1-2 poles to the beginning, containing three acres and seven rods, more or less.

Said land is being sold by order of the court for partition, and the terms of sale are on-third cash, and the bal-



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Special Demonstration and Bargain Sale of

Majestic Ranges

At Our Store One Week Only

Monday, Sept. 1

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—AND IT'S WELL WORTH YOUR WHILE!

Through special arrangements with the manufacturers, and during this Bargain Week only, a beautiful, useful and substantial set of Cooking Ware will be given with every Majestic Range sold. This ware is good ware (not cheap ware)—it's worth a lot to you. Come and see for yourself.

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Economy is not merely spending the least money—buying a range at too low a price is indeed false economy. The first cost is not the only cost—the little additional first cost of a Majestic is nothing compared with its economy of fuel, durability and satisfactory service.

Nearly a million Majestic Ranges, now economically, scientifically and satisfactorily serving millions and millions of people, civilians and soldiers, is proof positive of their superiority over all others.

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McCrary-Redding Hardware Co. Asheboro, N. C.

School Books on Sale FOR CASH R. C. JOHNSON

We will sell School Books this year as usual—One change—attention, For Cash.

WE CANNOT SELL BOOKS ON CREDIT

We have a full line of shoes boys' and girls' clothing for school wear.

SCHOOL BEGINS MONDAY

R. C. JOHNSON

Ginghams 25 and 35c yard

FOR SALE—Two ton Republic truck, in A-1 shape. Will trade or sell. James M. Burns, Asheboro, N. C.

FOR SALE—Second handed automobiles. Carolina Auto Co.

FOR SALE—One seven year old mare, one Ford roadster, 1914 model, at a bargain. Cash or terms. Apply to A. C. Hamner, Randleman, N. C., Rt. 2.

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